

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A clipping device comprising:
a sheath member to be inserted into a body cavity of a subject;
an operation wire inserted into the sheath member in a back/forth movable way;
a coupling member directly connected to a distal end of the operation wire; and
a clip for use in clipping a living tissue, the clip being detachably coupled to the coupling member and adapted to be closed by a pulling operation of the operation wire, in which, when the operation wire is being pulled, the clip is separated in a closed state from the coupling member;

wherein the operation wire and coupling member are so connected as to be nondetachable.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Currently Amended) A clipping device according to claim [[2]] 1, wherein the operation wire and coupling member are connected to each other by passing the operation wire through a hole of the coupling member and by turning the operation wire back.

Claims 4 and 5. (Cancelled)

6. (Currently Amended) A clipping device according to claim [[2]] 1, wherein the operation wire and coupling member are connected to each other by cramping.

7. (Original) A clipping device according to claim 1, further comprising an insertion tube fitted over an outer side of the sheath member.

8. (Original) A clipping device according to claim 7, further comprising a first operation means mounted near a base end of the insertion tube to allow the insertion tube and sheath member to be operated in a back/forth moving way; and a second operation means having a slider coupled to a base end of the operation wire and adapted to move the sheath member back and forth.

9. (Original) A clipping device according to claim 8, wherein the operation wire is turned back at a middle part, and the slider of the second operation means is fixed to the middle part.

10. (Previously Presented) A clipping device according to claim 1, wherein the coupling member has a clip latching hole, the clip latching hole having an opening to provide a hole to allow the clip to be detachably mounted to the coupling member.

11. (Original) A clipping device according to claim 7, wherein the insertion tube has an embossed inner surface.

12. (Original) A clipping device according to claim 7, wherein the insertion tube has an embossed outer surface.

13. (Original) A clipping device according to claim 7, wherein the insertion tube has embossed outer and inner surfaces.

Claims 14-16. (Cancelled)

17. (Currently Amended) A clipping device comprising:
a sheath member to be inserted into a body cavity of a subject;

an operation wire inserted into the sheath member in a back/forth movable way,

a coupling member directly connected to a distal end of the operation wire; and
a clip for use in clipping a living tissue, the clip being detachably coupled to the coupling member and adapted to be closed by a pulling operation of the operation wire, in which when the coupling member is transformed, the clip is separated in a closed state from the coupling member;

wherein the operation wire and coupling member are so connected as to be nondetachable.

18. (Canceled)

19. (Previously Presented) A clipping device according to claim 17, wherein the strength of the coupling member is so set as to allow the coupling member to be extended after the clip has been retracted into the insertion tube and put into a state in which the tissue can be adequately grasped.

20. (Previously Presented) A clipping device according to claim 1, wherein the strength of the coupling member is so set as to allow the coupling member to be extended after the clip has been retracted into the insertion tube and put into a state in which the tissue can be adequately grasped.

21. (Currently Amended) A clipping device comprising:
a sheath member to be inserted into a body cavity of a subject;
an operation wire inserted into the sheath member in a back/forth movable way;

a coupling member directly connected to a distal end of the operation wire; and

a clip for use in clipping a living tissue, the clip being detachably coupled to the coupling member and adapted to be closed by a pulling operation of the operation wire, in which the clip is separated in a closed state from the coupling member;

an insertion tube fitted over an outer side of the sheath member; and

a first operation means mounted near a base end of the insertion tube to allow the insertion tube and sheath member to be operated in a back/forth moving way; and a second operation means having a slider coupled to a base end of the operation wire and adapted to move the sheath member back and forth;

wherein the operation wire is turned back at a middle part, ~~and~~ the slider of the second operation means is fixed to the middle part and the operation wire and the coupling member are nondetachably connected.

22. (Currently Amended) A clipping device comprising:

a sheath member to be inserted into a body cavity of a subject;

an operation wire inserted into the sheath member in a back/forth movable way;

a coupling member directly connected to a distal end of the operation wire; and

a clip for use in clipping a living tissue, the clip being detachably coupled to the coupling member and adapted to be closed by a pulling operation of the operation wire, in which the clip is separated in a closed state from the coupling member; and

an insertion tube fitted over an outer side of the sheath member;

wherein the insertion tube has an embossed inner surface and the operation wire and the coupling member are nondetachably connected.

23. (Currently Amended) A clipping device comprising:

- a sheath member to be inserted into a body cavity of a subject;
- an operation wire inserted into the sheath member in a back/forth movable way;
- a coupling member directly connected to a distal end of the operation wire; and
- a clip for use in clipping a living tissue, the clip being detachably coupled to the coupling member and adapted to be closed by a pulling operation of the operation wire, in which the clip is separated in a closed state from the coupling member; and
- an insertion tube fitted over an outer side of the sheath member;

wherein the insertion tube has an embossed outer surface and the operation wire and the coupling member are nondetachably connected.

24. (Currently Amended) A clipping device comprising:

- a sheath member to be inserted into a body cavity of a subject;
- an operation wire inserted into the sheath member in a back/forth movable way;
- a coupling member directly connected to a distal end of the operation wire; and
- a clip for use in clipping a living tissue, the clip being detachably coupled to the coupling member and adapted to be closed by a pulling operation of the operation wire, in which the clip is separated in a closed state from the coupling member; and
- an insertion tube fitted over an outer side of the sheath member;

wherein the insertion tube has embossed outer and inner surfaces and the operation wire and the coupling member are nondetachably connected.

25. (New) A clipping device according to claim 1, further comprising:
an operation grip at a proximal end portion of the clipping device; and
a projection preventing member, detachably provided between the operation grip and the sheath member, to prevent the clip from projecting.

26. (New) A clipping device according to claim 17, further comprising:
an operation grip at a proximal end portion of the clipping device; and
a projection preventing member, detachably provided between the operation grip and the sheath member, to prevent the clip from projecting.

27. (New) A clipping member for clipping a living tissue in a body cavity, using a clipping device contained in a pack, the clipping device comprising a clip which clips a tissue in a body cavity and an operation wire which operates the clip, the method comprising:

unpacking the pack and taking out the clipping device;
inserting the clip in the body cavity and arranging the clip at a position of the tissue to be clipped; and
clipping the tissue only by pulling the operation wire.